



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA Disaster Response to the Southern California Fires



Resources for lawyers, the public, volunteers and more

FEMA/ABA YLD (Federal Emergency Management Assistance, American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division) have set up a Legal Assistance Hotline for victims in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and Santa Barbara Counties – **1-888-500-9219**. The hotline is hosted by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association in coordination with the State Bar of California.

JUST FOR LAWYERS

- If you are a lawyer affected by the fire and have questions about your ethical obligations contact The State Bar Ethics Hotline: 415-538-2150.
- [American Bar Association Disaster Resources](#) (See Law Practice Management Section)

RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC

- If you are a victim of the fires seeking legal assistance please call the FEMA/ABA YLD Legal Assistance Hotline number: **1-888-500-9219**.
- **How to find a lawyer:** [The State Bar of California Lawyer Referral Service](#) or 415-538-2250 or LRS@calbar.ca.gov
- **Legal Aid referrals or self-help resources:** www.lawhelpcalifornia.org. Please refer here for legal services providers by county.
- **Public Protection:** If you are a victim of a disaster it is illegal for lawyers or others to solicit legal work from you. You should consider your need for legal representation, but your choice of lawyer is up to you. If you are solicited or have other concerns about the conduct of an attorney, contact the State Bar's discipline complaint intake hotline **1-800-843-9053**.
- [HELPING HANDBOOK for Individuals and Families Affected by the Wildfires](#)
New! Updated 2008 version now available. If you are a victim of the wildfires or an advocate, this handbook from the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP provides helpful information to Californians who are trying to put their homes and lives back together.
- [California Department of Insurance](#) provides information and links to assist disaster victims with their insurance issues. A hotline is also available: **1-800-927-HELP (4357)**.
- [Check-List of Coverage Issues for Insureds Facing Fire-Related Losses](#) (44 Kb, PDF)
This resource from Dickstein Shapiro LLP
- [Guide to Insurance Coverage for Fire-Related Losses](#) (164 Kb, PDF)
This resource from Dickstein Shapiro LLP

RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

- If you are a lawyer or law firm and would like to volunteer or provide legal services to fire victims, please complete the [Disaster Legal Services Volunteer Attorney Application](#).
- Click [here](#) to donate to the American Red Cross or contact your local Red Cross Chapter.

OTHER LINKS AND RESOURCES

- [National Disaster Legal Aid](#) is a new national disaster website offering resources and assistance for both the public and for lawyers. More information specific to the California fires is coming soon.
- [CAL FIRE Incident Information](#)
- [State of California Office of Emergency Services](#)